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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the application as follows.

In the specification:

Replace the text that appears on page 24, line 1, with the following text.

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-- Primer 1: 5'-TGCGGTGGCTCAGCTCAGTTG-3' (SEQ ID NO:1) --

Replace the text that appears on page 24, line 2, with the following text.

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-- Primer 2: 5'-GCTCTAGATTAATCCCCACCCTGGGCGAGTTTC-3' (SEQ ID NO:2) --

Replace the paragraph that begins on page 25, line 7, with the following paragraph.

-- In order to provide additional flexibility in preparation and purification of this and other similar fusion proteins, DNA coding for a hexahistidine peptide sequence was appended onto the 3'-end of the pMal-basic Zipper sequence. Preparing this construct required synthesis of a new 3' primer used together with primer 1 (above) to allow amplification of a basic zipper DNA fragment lacking the codon for translation termination that was implanted in the initial construct described above:

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Primer 3: 5'-GCTCTAGATGAATCCCCACCCTGGGCGAGTTTC-3' (SEQ ID NO:3).--

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